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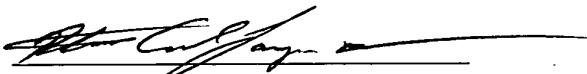
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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